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UNICORN WINGS



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Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!

STEP INTO READING® will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art. There are also Step into Reading Sticker Books, Step into Reading Math Readers, Step into Reading Write-In Readers, Step into Reading Phonics Readers, and Step into Reading Phonics First Steps! Boxed Sets—a complete literacy program with something for every child.

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Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

*For Hannah, Eliza, and Jasmine—
may you always have wings
—M.L.*

*To my dad on his 90th birthday,
with love
—P.S.P.*

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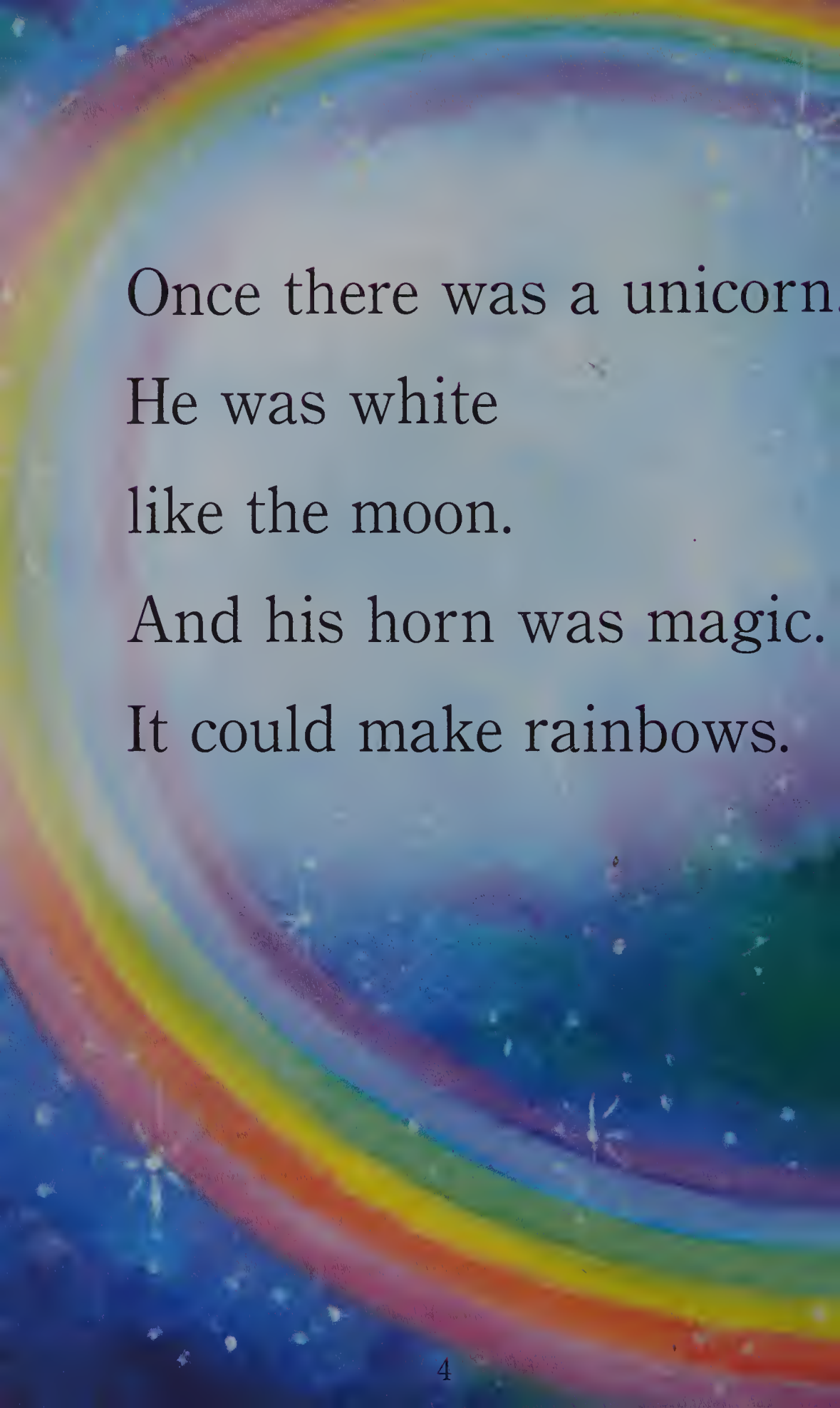
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Once there was a unicorn.
He was white
like the moon.

And his horn was magic.
It could make rainbows.



It could make
muddy water clear.



It could fix cuts
and broken bones.



But the unicorn
did not care about
his magic horn.

He wished
he had wings!



The unicorn went
to a castle.

The castle had a garden.
It was filled with flowers
and butterflies.







“I wish I had wings
like yours,”
the unicorn said
to a butterfly.

“My wings are
too tiny for you,”
said the butterfly.



The unicorn went
to the woods.

He looked up
into the trees.

Birds flew and landed
in the tree branches.





“I wish I had wings
like yours,”
the unicorn said
to a bluebird.





“My wings are
the wrong color for you,”
said the bluebird.

The unicorn went
to a pond.

Frogs jumped.

Dragonflies buzzed.



Snowy white swans
swam in the water.



“I wish I had wings
like yours,”
the unicorn said
to a swan.



But the swan just
shook her head.

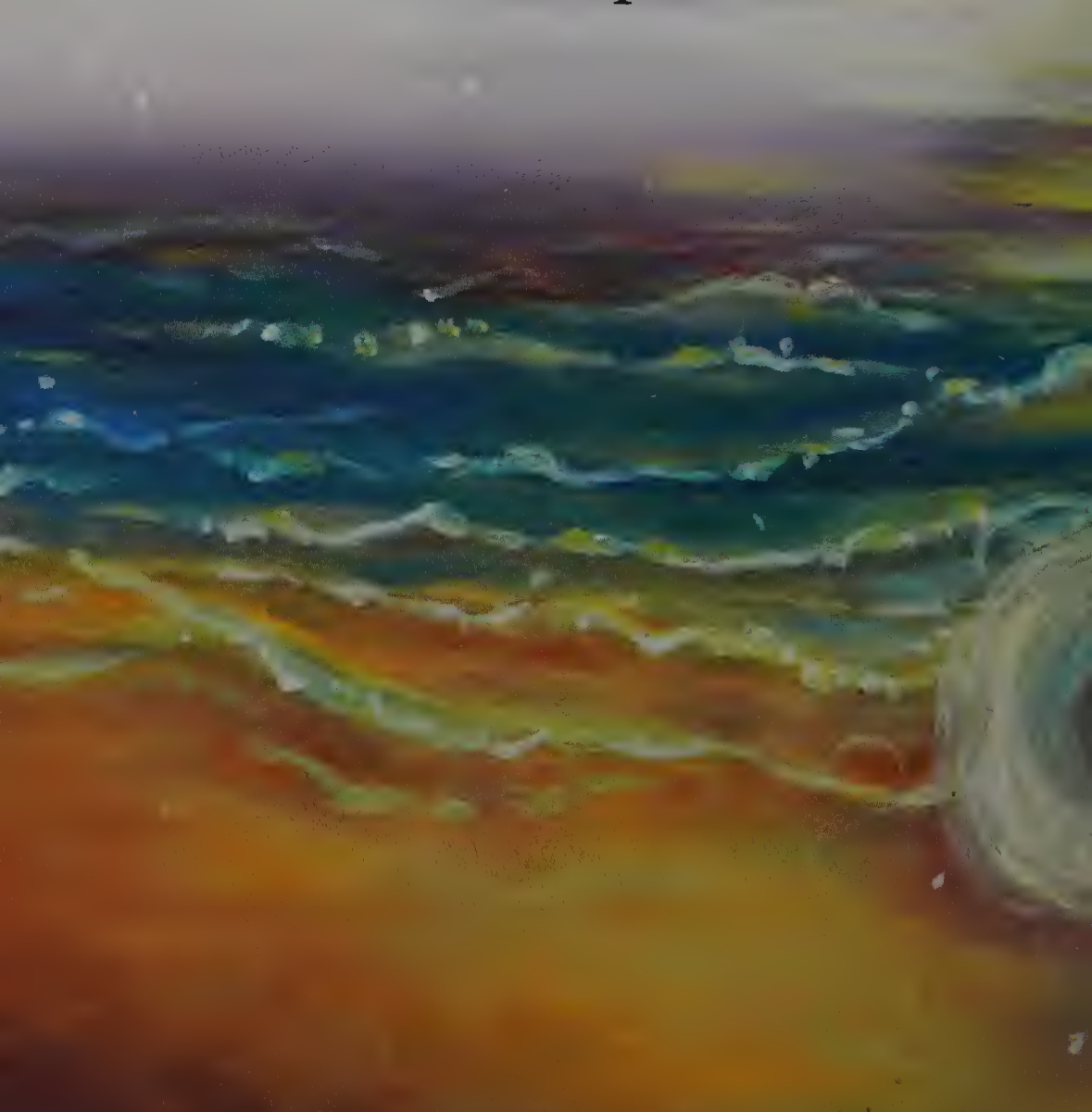


The unicorn walked on.

He came to the sea.

He lay down

and fell asleep.





Something touched
the unicorn's nose.
He opened his eyes.



There was
a white horse—
with white wings!
But one of the horse's
wings drooped.
It was hurt.



The unicorn stood up.

He put his magic horn
to the horse's wing.

The wing grew strong.

It did not droop anymore.



The white horse
spread her wings.





She flew toward
the rising sun.

“I wish I had wings
like *that*,”
said the unicorn.



He looked down sadly.



He saw himself
in the water.

He had big white wings!

The unicorn stretched
his wings out wide.





Then he flew after
the white winged horse.
The unicorn wanted
to say, “Thank you.”

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This is going to be
a great book!

What this book is about . . .

Unicorn Wings

The white unicorn is magic. His horn
makes rainbows. But he wants to fly, too.
He wants wings!



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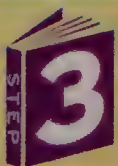
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